

### Fire Damages Irish Shanty

Considerable damage was done to the Irish Shanty cafe, 2166 Torrance boulevard, when a fire broke out Friday. Torrance firemen extinguished the blaze which charred tables and furnishings and did considerable smoke damage to the interior. The fire started behind a counter in the rear of the cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Baron, of 1315 W. 219th St., announce the birth of a son, Thomas Buddy.

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### FIRST PLACE AMERICAN RED CROSS



RED CROSS TROPHY... Al Isen, general chairman of the local Red Cross drive, and Mervin Schwab (right), industry chairman, exhibit the coveted Earle M. Jorgensen trophy awarded Torrance for emerging tops in the county. Torrance raised 107 per cent of its quota.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Talbot, of 4918 Reese Road, Torrance, announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Colleen, weighing 7 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces.

### RED CROSS COURSES TO START

Because of the many continuing requests and apparent need, the Torrance evening high school, in cooperation with the local Civilian Defense authorities and the American National Red Cross, will again offer a new class in Red Cross Standard First Aid.

This class will be open to the public on Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning April 11, continuing for eight sessions through May 4. Instruction will be held in Room 204 at Torrance high school, 2200 West Carson street, from 7 to 10 p.m. Mrs. Marguerite Ferguson is the instructor.

### Red Cross Trophy Won By Torrance

Torrance was awarded the Earle M. Jorgensen trophy last week for coming through with the highest percentage in the Red Cross fund-raising drive in the district.

At the final tally Thursday, Torrance had raised \$14,844.73, contributing 106.02 per cent of its \$13,900 quota.

#### Accepts Trophy

The trophy was accepted by Chairman Albert Isen and will remain in Torrance for the next year.

Only one other area, Lawndale, went over the 100 per cent mark. Its final tally was 101.07 per cent of its \$1050 goal.

Other area reports included South Bay, 93 per cent; San Pedro, 89 per cent; Wilmington, 86 per cent; Lomita, 76 per cent; Gardena, 67 per cent; and Hawthorne, 50 per cent.

All divisions of the Torrance campaign went "over the top" in the drive, Chairman Isen reported. The residential section under the leadership of Mrs. Grover C. Whyte raised 101 per cent of its goal, the small business division under Mrs. Murray Rudnick raised 108 per cent; and the commerce and industry section under Mervin M. Schwab, raised 109 per cent.

#### Praises Aides

"Without the excellent showings of these division chairmen and hundreds of contacts to raise the money, we could not have been the top community in the county," Chairman Isen said.

Upon completion of the course Standard First Aid certificates will be issued by the American Red Cross.

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### Recreation Commission To Decide On Golf Course

Decision on whether or not to have a pitch-and-putt golf course in Seaside Park will be reached by the Recreation Commission at its next meeting Wednesday, April 13, according to J. H. Paget, commission chairman.

A heated discussion covering the pros and cons of the matter was held last week Thursday when a panel debated the issue in the Seaside school.

About 100 interested individuals attended the meeting.

Speaking in favor of the golf course were Mrs. Aileen Goetz of 5029 Milne dr. and Robert G. Parke of 5426 Sharynne Lane. Opposing the golf course were Mrs. Alfred M. Brown of 22706 Draille dr. and Mrs. Salvadore Guagenti of 22272 Draille dr.

Henry A. Ross of 4802 Milne dr. acted as moderator.

Members of the Recreation Commission were also present for the meeting.

#### Pros and Cons

Among arguments opposing the golf course were the following: no mention of a golf course was made when the bond issue for parks was voted; parks should consist of trees and recreational facilities for children; the golf course would be too close to the elementary school; a traffic problem would be created; surrounding property would be endangered; another spot, such as the new civic center, would be better.

Some of the arguments brought forth in favor of the golf course were:

Recreation is for all, and is not a day nursery; there is a school playground next to the park which has play facilities; it would be foolish to duplicate these facilities; a pitch-and-putt course would be popular, and that's the purpose of public recreation; statistics show the number of accidents negligible; Seaside residents should not be given "special services" at the expense of the rest of the taxpayers.

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